

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The people of the state of South Dakota have been fortunate to be the recipients of the endeavors of a special class of individuals devoted to making our state the great place it is to live through their service; and,

Whereas, Georgene Bjerke (Joie) began employment with the Division of Motor Vehicles in April 1980, later transferred to the Department of Health, and then to the Department of Corrections; and,

Whereas, Joie has been a loyal employee, kind and compassionate co-worker, and will truly be missed; and,

Whereas, Joie has been a devoted and loving mother to Cindy, a grandmother to Stephanie and Christopher, and values the time she has spent attending their various activities; and,

Whereas, Joie has been a member of Eastern Star for 47 years, has held an office for most of those years, was appointed to a state office in 2003, and truly loves to travel to the different chapters around the state and visit her many friends she has made throughout the years; and,

Whereas, Joie has served the people of this great state for 25 years, always exhibiting the qualities of professionalism, integrity, and honor, and is choosing now to retire; therefore, it is fitting and proper as Governor to make note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2005, as

GEORGENE "JOIE" BJERKE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with her co-workers, family, and friends in wishing her a long, healthy, peaceful, and enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State